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Journal (Original) of J. Martin, who is in Company with 12 others escaped from Botany Bay—on the 18th of March 1791.
Journal (Original) of J.Martin who in Company with 12 others escaped from Botany Bay—on the 28th of March 1791—
Memorandum

By James Martin

James Martin being convicted at the City of London in the County of London for being found guilty of stealing of a sheep in the town of London and of being on the property of a good country gentleman's estate in the county of London. To be transported to Botany Bay for seven years. Returned from the bar to Carter goal. There remained two months from the court on board the Danville. Then removed from those parts on board the Charlotteina. Then bound to Botany Bay, March 12, 1787.
Memorandoms
By James Martin

I James Martin Being Convicted at the
City of Exeter in the County of Devonshire
Being found guilty of stealing 16/2 lb of old Lead and 4/2 lb of old Iron—Received
the property of Lord Courney powdrum
Cacle nere Exeter—Received Sentence for to be
Transported to Botany Bay for 7 years—
Returned from the Bar to Exeter goal &
there remaind 2 Months—from thence sent
on Board the Dunkirk there remaind 10 month
from thence put on Board the Charlotte Transport
Then Bound to Botany Bay—March 12 1787
sailed round to the north there remained to them
13th May—then sail in popany with intent
for Botany Bay under command of governor
Phillips, made they reck of Timouy-5 Day
of time, there remained 9 Days, then sail'd
for they Island of Reisegen was long &
on our passage then remained one month.
Then sail'd for they Cape of good Hope—
being Eight weeks and three Days on our
passage—then sail'd for Botany Bay.
Being 10 weeks on our passage—
came to an anchor in Jet Jack son
and there in two Days they discovered
being sent on shore to began to work.
Saild Round to Spithead thence Remaind to they 13 of May—then Sail in Copany with 10 Sail for Botany Bay under Comandand of govoner Philips. Made they Peek of Tenureef—5 Day of June, there Remaind 7 Days, then saild for they Island of Reideginera, being 8 wks on our passage—there remaind one Month then Saild for they Cape of good hope—Being Eight weeks and three Days on our pasage—then Saild for Botany Bay Being 10 weeks on our pacage— Came to an anchor in port Jackson Send on Shore in two Days—they Convicts Being Sent on Shore So Began to work we on
on government account on being landed
we were encamped and furnished in style
of rice in salt — after we being encamped
we some were sent to clear the ground
where sent to build huts — remained on the
island from January 1788 — until March
1789 — on the 28th Day of March made
my escape in canoe with my man moreton
with one woman and one child — in an open
for our boat — having of provisions one b.
one hundred 50's of flour — one hundred
50's of pork — and about eight gallons
of water — having a logbook —
and chart —
on governments account—on being landed we were Encamped—and fourmed in sqads of six in a tent—after we Bing Encamped We Some were sent to Clear they ground Others Sent to Build huts\(^{421}\)—I Remaind on the Island\(^{422}\) from January 1788—unto March 1791—on the 28 Day of March made My Escape in Comp\(^{9}\) with 7 men more & one with one woman & two Child\(^{n}\)—in an open Six oar Boat—having of provisions on B\(^{d}\) one hundred w\(^{423}\) of flower & one hund\(^{d}\) w\(^{t}\) of Rice 14\(^{b}\) of pork and aBout Eight galons of water having a Copass Quardrant and Chart\(^{424}\)—

after
...after two days sail reach a little coast.

Bout 2 degrees to they northeast of isn't. Jackson there found a quantity of fresh water. Each they remained 3 nights & one day, which we cut down & procured they subsistence then they & natives came down to which we gave some tobacco & other articles & they went away very much satisfied. The appearance of the land appears more better here than at any place we have yet saw where we got worse water of fish which was of a great dispersion & we call it Fortunate Creek.
after two Days sail reach a little Creek\textsuperscript{425} +
about 2 Degrees to they Northward of port
Jackson\textsuperscript{426} there found a Quantity of fine Burn\textsuperscript{8}
Coal they Remaind 2 nights & one Day
and found a Varse Quantty of Cabage tree
which we Cut Down & procured they Cabage\textsuperscript{427}
Then they Natives Came Down\textsuperscript{428} to which
we gave some Cloaths & other articles
and they went away very much satisfied
They apperanance of they land appears
more better here than at Sidney Cove
here we got avarse Quantity of fish which
were of a great Refresment to us—
+ [we call it fortunate Creek]

after
After our stay of 2 or 3 days we
proceeded our voyage to the northward
after 2 days sail we made nearer fine
harbour leading to run up the country
for many miles and quite commodious for
they had shortage of shipping here we found
a plenty of fresh water enough to our boat
enough to repair her bottom being very leaky
they sett her to repair her bottom with some lead
ware of rice which we had as small quantity
Though that on they came might was done
of by they natives which meant to shick
we waunched our boat and went of in the
same quite out of reach of them.
After our stay of 2 nights & one Day⁴²⁹ we proceeded our Voyge to they Northward after 2 Days sail⁴³⁰ we Made a very fine harbour Seemng to Run up they Country for Many miles and Quite Comodious for they Anchorage of Shipping⁴³¹—here we found aplenty of fresh water—hawld our Boat ashore to Repair her Bottom being very leaky they Better to pay her Bottom with some Bees Wax & Resin which we had a small Quantiy Thereof—But on they Same night was Drove of By they Natives⁴³²—which meant to Destroy us—we Launchd our Boat and Road of in they Strame Quite out of Reach of them that after
that being Sunday Monday we were of my
stream we went a sewer down thinging for
it and some miles further on my daylater
we attempted to land when we found of here
convenient for to repaints and we accord
we put some of our things part being ashore
there Some thick we in Vear browness
with Some the A. we aswore in part
one part of me Mose toward them they
Mother by signers to pacificate them but
they not taking they least notice according
we felt a much thinking to afright
them but they both not they least notice
thereof on receiving them made more for
weds we were forced to take to our boats
that being Sunday\textsuperscript{433} Monday\textsuperscript{434} we were of in y°
Stream we Rowed Lower Down thinging for
To Land Some Miles Below—on Monday Morn\textsuperscript{6}
We Attempted to land when we found a place
Convenient for to Repair our Boat we accord\textsuperscript{y}
we put Some of our things—part being ashore
there Came they natives in Varse Numbers
with Spears & Sheilds &c we formed in parts
one party of us Made towards them they
Better By Signes to pasifie them But
they not taking they least notice accordingly
we fired a Musket thinking to afright
them But they took not they least notice
Thereof—on perceving them Rush more forward
we were forsed to take to our Boat

and
and to get out of their reach as fast as we could—and what to do we could not tell. But on consulting with each other it was determined for to row up the harbour where accordingly we found up the harboor a world miles that we made a little white Sandy platt in the middle of the harboor—which land when we landed up our boat and repaired her bottom with what little materials we had. While our stay of 2 Days we had no returns from the Nabuins then we rowd of to the main where we took in fresh water and after washing down and then put out to sea—why they have great loads of a copper Barrel with their hair—why they have canoes made of bark.
and to get out of their reach as fast as we Could—and what to Do we Could not tell But on Consulting with each other it was Determined for to Row up they harbour which accordingly we Rowed up they harbour 9 or 10 Miles till we made a little white Sandy Isl in they Middle of they harbour—which land upon and hawld up our Boat and Repair her Bottom with what Little materiels we had whilst our Stay of 2 Days we had no Interup from they Natives—then we rowed of to they main where we took in fresh water and a few Cabage trees—and then put out to Sea— natives they her is quiet naked of a Copper Colour Shock hair—they have Cannoos made of bark
Then we procede they parted having aboard,

Borne from they 1. W. But that night they

saw they changed and Perse we细则 out of sight

of land which we behold a great island having a

ocean in they boat accordingly they next day

we made close into they land but they surf up

to very land we coudnt attempt to land but

kept along shore but thinking no harbour or

Cove for more three weeks we saw much this

trade for water and food accordly proceeding

they swam to abate they of our men sick or dead

then king to get some water but being afraid

of they salt which they do in numbers

they return without any but a little wood

which thrown into they water which we took

up.
then we proceed\textsuperscript{d} they Northard, having a lead\textsuperscript{g}
Brees from they S:W—But that night\textsuperscript{437} they wind
they Changed and Drove us Quite out of sight
of Land—which we hawld our wind having a set
of Sails in they Boat accordingly they next Day\textsuperscript{438}
we Made Close into they land But they Surf run\textsuperscript{g}
so very hard we C\textsuperscript{d} not attempt to land but
kept along shore but Making no harbour or
Creek for nere three weeks we were much Distress\textsuperscript{d}
for water and wood—accordly perceiving
they Surf to abate Two of our Men Swam on shor
thinking to get some Water\textsuperscript{439} But being afraid
of they natives which they see in numbers
they return\textsuperscript{d} without any, But a little wood
which threw into they water which we took
up

We
We first over on the other side of the Bay
saw nothing to meet with a convenient Harbour
we found a little river which with great
Difficulty we got up our Boat being very leaky
at that time that it was with great Difficulty
we could keep her above Water—now we
landed & launched her up putting some soap
in the seams which confirmed very well
—at this Place we could get no Shell Fish or
Fish of any kind in this Bay here we stayed
three Days & two Nights then we left this Bay
Place & went down the Bay about 20 Miles
expecting to meet with a Harbour to go some
Destination but could see none nor the end
of the Bay the Wind being favourable we took
about & put to sea the Land here seem to be
much the same as of Botany Bay
We put over on the other side of the Bay excepting to meet with a Convenient Harbour we found a little River which with great difficulty we got up our Boat being very leaky at that Time that it was with great difficulty we Could keep her above Water—were we Landed & hauled her up putting some Soap in the Seams which Answered very well—at this Place we Cou’d get no Shell Fish or Fish of any kind in this Bay here we stopped two Days & two Nights—then we left this Bay Place & went down the Bay about 20 Miles expecting to meet with a Harbor to get some Refreshment—but cou’d see none nor the End of the Bay the Wind being favourable we Tack’d about & put to sea the Land here seem’d to be accordingly much the same as at Botany Bay
accordingly we up grappling so stood to they Northward but our Boat being very Deep we were Obliged to trow all our Cloathing over Board they Better to lighten our Boat as they Sea Breaking over us Quite Rapid—— that Night we Ran into an Open Bay & Could see no Place to Land at the Surf Running that we were Afraid of Staving our Boat to Pieces—We Came to a Grapling in that Bay the same Night about 2 oClock in the Morn our Grapling Broke & we were drove Surf in the Middle of the Expecting every Moment that our Boat wou’d be Staved to Pieces & every Soul Perish but as God wou’d have we Got our Boat save on Shore without any Loss or Damage excepting one Oar we Hauled our Boat up & there Remaind two days & 2 Nights there
there we Handed a Fire with great Difficulty every thing that we had being very Wet we got Plenty of Shell Fish there & Fresh Water the Natives came down in great Numbers we discharged a Musquet over their Heads & they dispersed immediately if we saw no more of them we sent our things in the Boat & with great Difficulty we got out to Sea for 2 or 3 Days we had very Bad Weather our Boat Shipping many heavy Seas so that One Man was always Employed in Bailing out the Water to keep her up the most Place we made was White Bay being in Latt 27° 10. we turn down that Day 2 or 3 Leagues before we could see a convenient Place to land the Surf running very High we saw two Women & 2 Children with a Fire
there we Kindled a Fire with great Difficulty
every thing that we had being very Wet—we
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Discharged a Musquet over their Heads & they
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we had very Bad Weather our Boat Shipping
many heavy Seas, so that One Man was always
Employed in Bailing out the Water to keep her
up—the next Place we made was White Bay444
being in Latt’d 27°:00 we ran down that Bay
2 or 3 Leagues before we Cou’d see a convenient
Place to Land the Surf Running very High
we saw two Women & 2 Children with a Fire
brand
Brand in their Hands at this Place, we saw no
The two Women being frightned on
away but we made Signs that we wanted
a Light which they gave us burning at the
Same time in their Way. We took our things
out of the Boat & put them in two Wods
which was there—the next Morn. about Mofocks
a great Number of the Natives came towards
us as soon as we saw we went to meet them
& fired a Musquet over their Heads as soon as
they heard the Report they ran into the Woods
& we saw no more of them the Natives there
is Quite Naked—there we stopt two Days
& two Nights, the Sun burning so very high
that we were in great Danger of Staving the Boat.
Brand in their Hands at this Place we Landed
the two Women being Frightened Ran
away but we made Signs that we wanted
a Light which they Gave us Crying at the
same Time in their Way we took our things
out of the Boat & put them in two Huts
which was there—the next Morn[ée] about 11 oClock
a great Number of the Natives Came towards
us—as soon as we saw we went to meet them
& Fired a Musquet over their Heads as soon as
they Heard the Report they Ran into the Woods
& we saw no more of them the Natives[446] there
is Quite Naked—there we Stopped two days
& two Nights[447] the Surf Running so very High
that we were in great Danger of Staving ye Boat
that
that Night we drove out to Sea by a heavy Gale of Wind & Current, expecting every Moment to go to the Bottom, but Mon. saw no Land, the Sea running Mountains high, we were under a Close Reck Main sail & kept so until Night & then came too under a Drage all the Night, with her Head to the Sea thinking every Moment to be the Land, the Sea coming in so heavy upon us every now & then that two Hands was obliged to keep Bailing out, it rained very hard all that Night, the next Monr. we took our Drage in but could see no Land, but Hauling towards the Land to make it as soon as possible the Gale of Wind still continuing we kept on under a Close Reck Main sail but could make no Land all that Day, Smile Leave you to consider what Distress we must be in, the Woman & the two little Babies was in a Land.
that Night\textsuperscript{448} we drove out to Sea by a heavy Gale of Wind & Current, expecting every Moment to go to the Bottom next Morn\textsuperscript{449} saw no Land the Sea running Mountains high we were Under a Close Reef Mainsail\textsuperscript{450} & kept so untill Night\textsuperscript{451} & then came too under a Droge\textsuperscript{452} all the Night with her Head to the sea thinking every Moment to be the Last the sea Coming in so heavy upon us every now & then that two Hands was Obliged to keep Bailing out & it Rained very hard all that Night the next Morn\textsuperscript{453} we took our Droge in but Could see no Land but Hawling towards the Land to make it as soon as possible the Gale of Wind still Continuing we kept on under a Close Reef Mainsail but cou’d make no Land all that Day—I will Leave you to Consider what distress we must be in the Woman & the two little Babies was in a bad Condition
Condition everything being so wet that we found by no means light a fire we had nothing to eat except a little salt fish at night we came too on a shoal as we did the night before the next morning we took in our course kept to the north west on our wide to make the land about 8CmC to 5CmC which proved to be a little island about 30 leagues from the Main the wind running so very high we were rather fearful of going in for fear of having our boat but we concluded amongst ourselves that we might as well venture in there on to keep out to sea seeing no probability that if we kept out to sea that we should every soul perish still down this island there was nothing but deep but a little sandy beach which we got in safe without much damage should our boat have found
Condition every thing being so Wet that we Cou’d by no Means light a Fire we had nothing to Eat except a little Raw Rice at Night we Came too under a Droge as we did the Night before the next Morn we took in our Droge & kept to the North on purpose to make the Land about 8 oClock we made Land which proved to be a little Island about 30 Leagues from the Main the Surf Running so very High we were rather fearful of going in for fear of Staving our Boat but we Concluded amongst Ourselves that we might as well Venture in there as to keep out to Sea seeing no Probability that if we kept out to Sea that we shou’d every Soul Perish—All Round this Island there was nothing but Reefs but a little sandy Beach which we got in safe without much Damage & haul’d our Boat up out
of the boat so we got all our things out of the boat then we Went to get a fire which with great difficulty we got a fire which being almost burning we put on a little rice for to cook when we went to this island we had but one gallon of fresh Water for there was not a drop of fresh Water to be had on this island the island was about one mile in Circumference after the Tide fell we went to look for some Shells Fish but found a great Quantity of very fine Long Saltes which was left upon the Reef which turned five of them & carried them upon the Beach. This reef runs about a mile 1/2 out in the Sea & entirely dry when low Water we took the Shelter One of the Serfes had a Noble Meal this Night it Raind very hard when we spread our Mainsail & filled our Breakers full of Water.
ways of the Surf we got all our things out of the Boat then we Went to get a Fire which with great Difficulty we got a Fire which being almost Starving we put on a little Rice for to Cook when we went to this Island we had but one Gallon of fresh Water for there was not a drop of fresh Water to be had on this Island the Island was about one Mile in Circumference after the Tide fell we went to Look for some Shell Fish but found a great Quantity of very fine Large Turtles which was left upon the Reef which turned five of them & hawled them upon the Beach this Reef Runs about a Mile & half out in the Sea & Intirely Dry when low Water we took & killed One of the Turtles & had a Noble Meal this Night it rain’d very Hard when we Spread our Mainsail two & filled our Breakers full of Water— We
We stayed on this Island six Days, during that Time we killed twelve Turtles & some of the Jocks & Dugs over the Fire to bake & eat with us. It seemed to us that there had never been any Navigation on this Island there is a kind of Fruit grows like a red Bell pepper which seemed to taste very well there was a great Quantity of Fruits which stayed at Night in Holes in the ground we could not think of taking any live Turtles with us because our Boat would not admit of it & paid the Scans of our Boat all over with Soup before we put to Sea at the End of the Six Days we launched our Boat & put to Sea at 8 Clock in the Morn. & Sailed to the Northward, this Island was in Lat. 26.27 we made the main Land in the Evening we passed a great Number of Small Islands which we put into a great many of them
We staid on this Island six days during that Time we Killed twelve Turtles & some of it we Took & Dry’d over the Fire to take to Sea with us It seemed to us that there had never been any Natives on this Island there is a kind of Fruit grows like unto a Bell pepper which seemed to Taste very well there was a great Quantity of Fowls which stayed the at Night in Holes in the ground we Could not think of taking any live Turtles with us because our Boat wou’d not admit of it we Paid the Seams of our Boat all over with Soap before we put to Sea at the End of the Six Days we Launched our Boat & put to sea at 8 oClock in the Morn & Steered to the Northward: this Island was in Lat: 26° 27’ we made the main Land in the Evening we passed a great Number of Small Islands which we put into a great many of them expecting
expecting to find some Turtle but never found any in any of the Islands we put into. Afterwards we found a great Quantity of Shell Fish but none of them Fit to Eat but being very Hungry we were glad to Eat them & thank God for it if it had not been for the Shell Fish & the little Turtle that one had we must have Starved very sorely. Found at any Place but found plenty of Fresh Water but nothing we could find to Eat when we Came to the Gulf of Carpentaria which is in Latt 16°. We ran down the Gulf Nine or Ten Miles we saw several small Islands on which we saw several of the Natives in two Canoes landing on one of the small Islands we joined them towards them as soon as they saw us they went their two Canoes round to the Back of the Island with one Man in each of them when we Came down to them they seemed to stand
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any in any of the Islands we put into Afterwards
we found a great Quantity of Shell Fish but
very
none of them fit to Eat but being very Hungred
we were Glad to Eat them & Thank God for it if it
had not been for the Shell Fish & the little Turtle that
we had we must have Starved very seldom put into
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saw us they sent their two Canoes Round to the
Back of the Island with one Man in each of them
when we Came down to them they seemed to stand
in a posture of defence against us we fired a Matigis over them and immediately they began firing their 
Bome & Arrows & we immediately hastened away on 
our Said 3 Piece away from them but as God would 
Have it none of the Arrows reached the Boat 
but dropped along side me could not get hold of any of them but they seemed to be about Riglem 
Inches long the Nations seemed to be very Stout 8 
& Blacker they were in other Princes sea before 
there was one which we took to be the chief with some 
Shells Around his Shoulders we rowed down a little 
Jut the down the bay & landed upon the shor 
for to get some Water we found plenty of fresh 
Water we saw a small Town of Natives about 20 of 
them just by some of the fresh Water was then more 
none of the Inhabitants in this Nett or about them 
that we could see there Notts was large enough for two
in a posture of Defence against us we fired a Musquet over them and immediately they began Firing their Bows & Arrows at us we immediately hoisted up our Sails & Rowed away from them but as God wou’d have it none of their Arrows reached the the Boat but dropped along side we Could not get Hold of any of them but they seemed to be about Eighteen Inches long the Natives seemed to be very Stout & fat & Blacker they were in other Parts we seen before there was One which we took to be the Chief with some Shells Around his Shoulders we Rowed down a little farther down the Gulf & landed upon the Main for to get some Water we found plenty of fresh Water we saw a small Town of Huts about 20 of them just by were the fresh Water was there was none of the Inhabitants in their Huts or about them that we Could see their Huts was large enough for Six or seven
seven of them to Stand upright in they were made of Bark & Covered Over with Grass we filled our 2 Breakers with fresh Water & Came on Board of our Boat again for we were Afraid of Staying on Shore for fear of the Natives we went three or four Miles from the Shore & Dropt our Killock[67] & there Stopped all Night the next Morn⁸ we was determined to Go to the same Place to Recruit our Water but as we were making to the Shore we saw two very large Canoes coming towards us we did not know what to do for we were Afraid to meet them there seemed to us to be 30 or 40 Men in each Canoe they had Sails in their Canoes seemed to made of Matting one of their Canoes was a Head of the others a little Way Stopt untill the other Came up & then she Hoisted her Sails & made after us as soon as we saw that what we Tack’d about with Water we had—Determined to
Thos. Chapman
No. 11 George
Street, Foster Lane
Cheapside

N. 13 Lett me none by
the bearer if you had
a pair of wheels of
Richards of Medeford
That came to the 31st of
March 1791 which
was 9/10.
Tho' Chapman N° 11 George Street Foster Lane Cheapside.
N.B Lett me now by the bearer if you had a pair of Wheels of Richhold of Melford
I paid him half what that came to the 31st of March 1791 which was £1 0s 11d
to cross the gulf which was about five hundred miles.

Across which as God would have it we cut down the wind following us until we left sight of them

me having but little fresh water some woods to make a fire with but in four days or a half we made

the other side of the gulf we put on shore to look for some fresh water but could not find none at that

Place but we kept along shore untill the event

we saw a little small town which made the

us got plenty of fresh water we put of to sea

the same night we saw some more land untill

we come into the latitude of north end

of the island we hauled up to make the land to

got some fresh water but saw no land but a

heavy small comming which had liked to have

strawed us up then we concluded as the best way to stop our course for the island of Timor with what

little water we had which was made in 36 hours after we
to Cross the Gulf\textsuperscript{471} which was about five Hundred Miles
Across\textsuperscript{472} which as God wou’d have it we Out Run them
they followed us untill we Lost sight of them
we having but little fresh Water & no Wood to make
a Fire with but in four days & a half we made
the other side of the Gulf we put on Shore\textsuperscript{473} to look
for some fresh Water but Cou’d find none at that
Place but we kept along Shore untill the Even\textsuperscript{8}
we saw a little small River which we made to
& Got plenty of Fresh Water we put of to Sea\textsuperscript{474}
the same Night we saw no more Land untill
we Came into No\textsuperscript{5} the Lattitude of North End
of the Island\textsuperscript{475} we hawled up to make the Land to
get some fresh Water but saw no Land but a
heavy Swell Running which had liked to have
swallowed us up then we Concluded as the best Way
to Shape our Course for the Island of Timor with what
little Water we had which we made it in 36 Hours after we
Mr. Jackson old to Bishop head head Count
Mr Jackson 476 No. 10 Bishop head head Court 477
Which we sailed along the Island of Timor till we came to the
Great Belloo where we went and shore to the Governor's
House where he received us extremely well and set out for
Belloo [sic] Belloo (a place with every that we were on the
Island) which we remained hop搞 out our work for two
months till Mr. Bryant had words with his wife
went and informed against himself, wife, and children
all of us which we was immediately taken
prisoners and was put into the castle we were at first
examined after been examined we was allowed to
go out of the castle 2 at a time for one day
and the next day 2 more is done. Continued the
Captains Edwards who had been on seaca of the
County Pirates which had taken some of the
men at the counter which he lost the Randown
Frigate between New Guinea & New Holland
which he made Island of Timor in the trying
two years and his long boat 120 fowds where
was saved
Which we run along the Island of Timor till we came to the Dutch Settlement where we went on shore to the Governor house where he behaved extremely well to us filled our bellies and clothed double with every that was worn on the island which we rem’d very happy at our work for two months till Wm. Bryant had words with his wife went and informed against himself wife & children and all of us which we was immediately taken prisoners and was put into the Castle we were strictly examined after been examined we was allowed to go out of the castle 2 at a time for one day and the next day 2 more & so we continued till Captain Edwards who had been on search of the Bounty Pirates which had taken some of the pirates at Otaheite which he lost the Pandour frigate betwixt New Guinea & New Holland which he made Island of Timor in the Pinnace Two yawls and his Long boat & 120 hands which was saved which
Which Captain Edwards came to us to know what we were and what we told him was Convicts and had made our escape from Botany Bay which he told us was a prisoners and put us on board the London Dutch Company's ship Arabus. Both legs in trunks called the Toga Hulbrocks which we was conveyed to Botany which we was taken out of the London and put on board a Dutch guards ship in trunks against there we lost the 6th Day after the father of the Child was taken bad and died which was both at Botany 6 weeks after we was put on board of Botany which we was 8 on different ships bound to the Cape of Good Hope which we was born on the before seen. God kept the Cape whom we came there the Gorgon which was brought the marines man of war which had brought the marines. From Botany Bay which we was put on board of Gorgon which was known well by all the marine officers which
which Captain Edwards Came to us to know what we were which we told him we was Convicts and had made our Escape from Botany Bay which he told us we was his prisoners and put us on board the Yam bang Dutch Companys Ship & put us Both Legs in Irons Called the bilboes which we was Conveyed to bretav which we was taken out of the Yam bang & put on board a Dutch Guardship in Irons again there we Lost the Child 6 Days after the father of the Child was taken Bad & Died which was both at buried Bretava 6 weeks after we was put on 3 Different Ships bound to the Cape of Good hope which we was 3 Months before we Reachd the Cape when we Came there the Gorgon man of war which had brought the marines from Botany Bay which we was put on board of Gorgon which we was known well by all the marine officers which
Which was all glad that we had not finished at sea which was brought home to England on the Gorgon we were broght to a Shore at Deptford and from there conveyed by the Constables to Bow Street Office London and was taken before Justice Bond and was full committed to Newgate where Mr. Walton Navigator of the Boat Died James Cox Died James Jack Died James B. and Died Mr. Bryant Died a Tayger of 12 months old Died a Little Grub and a Turkey old Died the mother of the 2 Children a Young Man alive James Chamber alive Mr. Allen alive John Brown alive Kathin Lilly alive.
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A little Girl 3 yrs and a Quarter old Died
the mother of the 2 Children Mary Brion
alive James Martin alive Wm Allen alive
John Broom alive Nath' Lilly alive